

lation to the charges against Mr. Blaine. Mr. Riddle stated in his letter which was published in Monday's Tribune that Mr. Gibson had overheard Mr. Knowton tell the facts of the case to Gen. Boynton, and had made them public. Gen. Boynton now states that he had no intention of conveying the idea to Mr. Riddle that Mr. Gibson had learned anything about the matter in this discreditable manner. Mr. Gibson makes the following statement:

I asserted unequivocally that I never overheard the story, but that Mr. Blaine gives it in his letter to you—not once, twice, but several times; that he told it to me publicly in the presence of many people. I do not know if that is true or not, but I am in the same open, unrestricted manner that he was acquainted. It was with the knowledge that he was acquainted. It was with the knowledge that the story was nearly as well known as a bur-

son on the question, "Should Baptist Churches give letters of dismission to members desiring to unite with Pseudo-Baptist Churches?" The essayist claimed that a letter of dismission could not be given without denying Baptist principles. Instead of such a letter he suggested a certificate of Christian character and membership. He proposed this form: "To all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both thine and ours, greeting: This is to certify that — has been a member of — Church, in full fellowship, but having changed his views of doctrine, and desiring to be dismissed from you, we have given him this certificate of Christian standing and character, and his membership is hereby discontinued. The members of the Conference" generally agreed with the essayist.

The Secretary of the Brooklyn Sunday-school Union has issued his annual report of the State of the Sunday-schools in Kings County, Long Island. His statistics, which do not include the Roman Catholic, Jewish, Swedish, and Unitarian schools, show an increase during the past year in the number of teachers and scholars of 4,169 persons. The number of schools is 256. The Methodists have the largest number, 56. In all there are 3,844 male officers and teachers, 4,720 female officers and teachers, and 73,529 pupils, making a total of \$2,093 persons engaged in the schools. The average attendance in summer is 30,725 persons, and in winter, 55,447. The schools take 126,215 papers, and have 113,460 volumes in their libraries. The money expended by the schools during the year was \$135,558, of which \$100,000 was used for the support of the schools, \$36,473 went to the purchase of books, &c., and \$19,000 is made in the report that the amount May parade of the children has led to the organization of similar processions in other cities.

The following is a tabular statement of the most important religious meetings during the coming week:

Sunday, May 21.—Annual Hebrew Convention of Board of Delegates at M. H. A. Rose, Philadelphia.
Tuesday, May 23.—Baptist General Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, American Baptist Missionary Union, Buffalo.

Wednesday, May 24.—General Assembly of the United States of Indebted Defenders like us, Boston.

Thursday, May 25.—Annual Meeting of the Baptist Education Commission, Buffalo; Annual Meeting of the American Tract Society for the election of officers, Y. M. Christian Union, Boston.

Friday, May 26.—Anniversary of the Baptist Publication Society, Buffalo.

Saturday, May 27.—Anniversary of the Baptist Home Mission Society, Buffalo.

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